

## **DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

February 5, 2018, 8:00 A.M.

FIRST FLOOR – ROOMS H & I AUDITORIUM

DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Dodge County Executive Committee Chairman, Russell Kottke.

Members present: Berres, Kottke, Maly, Miller, and Schmidt. Frohling arrived at 8:08 a.m.

Member(s) absent: None.

Others present: Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke; Dodge County Clerk Karen J. Gibson; Deputy County Clerk Christine M. Kjornes; Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass; Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls; Dodge County Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott Mittelstadt; Human Services and Health Director Becky Bell; Land Information Director Bill Ehlenbeck; Assistant Highway Commissioner Peter Thompson; Interim ERP Project Director Ross Winklbauer; County Board Supervisor Kira Sheahan-Malloy; County Board Supervisor Jeffrey Caine; County Board Supervisor Allen Behl; and citizen member Jeff Schmitt.

Motion by Maly, seconded by Miller, to approve the Agenda and allow the Chairperson to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisor Behl appeared before the Committee as a member of the UW-Extension Education Committee and reported that the UW-Extension Education Committee is in favor of appointed members instead of elected members to the UW-Extension Education Committee. Chairman Kottke stated that this is an agenda item for discussion later at this meeting.

Supervisor Maly reported that there was a mistake on the January 2, 2018 minutes. Supervisor Maly further reported that on page 3 of the minutes, the last paragraph, the second sentence states that the Taxation and Finance Committees would be combined, which is an error and should be amended to read as follows: "Supervisor Frohling stated that the Wisconsin County Association is going to combine its Taxation and the County Organizational and Personnel Committees." Motion by Maly, seconded by Miller, to approve the January 2, 2018 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Dodge County Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott Mittelstadt provided a brief oral report to the Committee regarding an out-of-state travel request. Mr. Mittelstadt reported that he is requesting that three (3) members of the Traffic Crash Investigation Team attend the Vehicle Forensics and iVe Certification in Pinellas County, Florida, from February 12-16, 2018. Mr. Mittelstadt further reported that this training will provide system analysis of vehicle electronics, as well as the ability to download data from cell phones, and the iVe system also helps provide information in other types of investigations. Motion by Miller, seconded by Marsik to authorize the out-of-state travel request for three (3) members of the Traffic Crash Investigation Team to attend the Vehicle Forensics and iVe Certification in Pinellas County, Florida, from February 12-16, 2018. Motion carried.

Supervisor Behl reported to the Committee that an out-of-state travel request is for 4H/Youth Development Agent Marie Witzel to attend the 2018 Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership Conference Development in Orlando, Florida, from February 13-16, 2018. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Frohling to authorize the out-of-state travel request for 4H/Youth Development Agent Marie Witzel to attend the 2018 Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership Conference Development in Orlando, Florida, from February 13-16, 2018. Motion carried.

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Human Services and Health Director Becky Bell provided a brief oral report to the Committee regarding an out-of-state travel request. Ms. Bell reported that she is requesting that Child Protective Services Supervisor Lisa Grycowski attend the Helping Families Change Conference in Santa Rosa, California, from February 28-March 2, 2018. Ms. Bell further reported that the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation requested that Ms. Grycowski attend this conference, and all expenses will be paid for through the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation. Ms. Bell reported that the conference will focus on ways to teach parents how to parent. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Miller to authorize the out-of-state travel request for Child Protective Services Supervisor Lisa Grycowski to attend the Helping Families Change Conference in Santa Rosa, California, from February 28-March 2, 2018. Motion carried.

Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson provided a brief oral report to the Committee regarding the February 21, 2018 County Board meeting. Ms. Gibson reported that a document entitled *Proposed agenda items for February 21, 2018 CB meeting* was included in the Executive Committee packet materials, which lists twenty (20) items that may be on the February 21, 2018 County Board meeting agenda.

Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls provided a brief oral report to the Committee regarding a request to carry-over funds for tower repainting. Ms. Nehls reported that the request is to carry-over \$12,000 to be used for the original intended purpose of repainting the Fox Lake tower because the contractor was unable to perform the work in 2017. Motion by Maly, seconded by Miller to approve the carry-over of \$12,000 to be used for the original intended purpose of repainting the Fox Lake tower. Motion carried.

Ms. Nehls provided a brief oral update to the Committee regarding the January 15, 2018 Active Shooter Exercise. Ms. Nehls reported that the full-scale exercise took place in the Dodge County Justice Facility in the morning of January 15, 2018, and in the afternoon, an exercise took place at the Henry Dodge Office Building and the Administration Building. Ms. Nehls further reported that due to the weather, the exercise was unable to take place at the Dodge County Highway Department. Ms. Nehls reported that she received positive feedback regarding the exercise. Supervisor Miller commented that she was very impressed with the exercise.

Interim ERP Project Director Ross Winklbauer provided an oral update to the Committee regarding the ERP Project. Mr. Winklbauer provided the Committee with a document entitled *The ERP Project Publication, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)*. Mr. Winklbauer reported that the ERP Project will be transitioning into Phase #2, which is the implementation process. Mr. Winklbauer further reported that Tyler Munis team will be onsite February 6-7, 2018, to discuss such topics as scope planning, education planning, communication planning, and resource planning. Mr. Winklbauer reported that GFOA was asked to update the ERP Project Governance Structure. County Administrator Jim Mielke reported that measures will be taken to keep all Committees and departments informed.

Mr. Mielke reported that there are no new claim for damages, but an incident did occur on January 15, 2018 that involved a Dodge County Highway plow truck and a private vehicle in which injuries were sustained by the driver of the private vehicle.

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Mr. Mielke reported that he provided a 2018 Insurance Summary handout, which listed the following: Insurance Type, Insurer, Coverage Limits, Policy Period, and Notes. Supervisor Maly asked about the premiums Dodge County pays. Mr. Mielke answered that he will provide an itemization on premiums at the March 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Nass provided an oral update to the Committee regarding the status of contracts being reviewed and/or completed by the Corporation Counsel office.

Ms. Nass provided a brief oral update on activities from the Taxation Committee. Ms. Nass reported that the 2018 In Rem proceedings have been completed for time frame of redeeming, and there were seventeen (17) parcels not redeemed. Ms. Nass further reported that the Monarch Plats agreement is still being worked on. Ms. Nass reported that the bank has paid the 2014 taxes on the abandoned hotel in the City of Watertown, and the City of Watertown has a raze order on the property.

Ms. Nass provided a brief oral report to the Committee regarding a carry-over request. Ms. Nass reported that her department is requesting a carry-over of \$2,400 from the 2017 budget to the 2018 budget for the purpose of covering outside counsel attorney's fees for cases that span multiple years. Motion by Frohling, seconded by Maly to approve the carry-over of \$2,400 for the purpose of covering outside counsel attorney's fees. Motion carried.

Land Information Director Bill Ehlenbeck provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Gold Star Memorial Trail Project. Mr. Ehlenbeck provided a document entitled *Gold Star Memorial Trail, Phase One Status, February 2, 2018*. Mr. Ehlenbeck reported that the Friends of Dodge County Parks met the fundraising goal of \$650,000 at the end of 2016. Mr. Ehlenbeck further reported that the bidding process began in the Fall of 2017, bids came in at higher amounts than anticipated, and there is a \$94,000 funding gap. Mr. Ehlenbeck reported that due to the Land Resources and Parks Department having an increase in revenues, as well as staff reduction, the department is requesting a carry-over in the amount of \$94,000 to move forward and accept the bid from Woleske Construction. Mr. Ehlenbeck further reported that the request to carry-over funds is an item on the Planning, Development and Parks Committee agenda for their February 5, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Gibson provided a brief oral report to the Committee regarding a Resolution to Alter the Boundaries of Dodge County Supervisory District No. 20, Dodge County Supervisory District No. 21, and Dodge County Supervisory District No. 22, Based on an Annexation. Ms. Gibson reported that the City of Watertown annexed a parcel of real estate located in the Town of Emmet, and this parcel annexed is part of Dodge County Supervisory District No. 20, and it is appropriate to move the annexed parcel into Dodge County Supervisory District Nos. 21 and 22 in the City of Watertown because Dodge County Supervisory District No. 21 consists of Wards 5 and 6 of the City of Watertown, and Dodge County Supervisory District No. 22 consists of Wards 3 and 4 of the City of Watertown. Motion by Frohling, seconded by Maly to approve and forward to the County Board for its consideration at its February 21, 2018 meeting, a Resolution to Alter the Boundaries of Dodge County Supervisory District No. 20, Dodge County Supervisory District No. 21, and Dodge County Supervisory District No. 22, Based on an Annexation. Motion carried.

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The Committee considered and discussed the draft County Board Rules for the 2018-2020 term as prepared by Ms. Nass. It was a consensus of the Committee to include in County Board Rule 1 that the County Board Chair may be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, commissions, and boards, for the purposes of making a quorum, and that the County Board Chair will have the capacity to vote in that situation. It was consensus of the Committee to include in County Board Rule 24 that the time limit allowed for a member to be permitted to speak will be at the discretion of the Chair. The Committee discussed if the Highway Committee members should be appointed or elected. Supervisor Caine, as a member of the Highway Committee, stated that he is in favor of elected members on the Highway Committee. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Maly to bring a Resolution to the March County Board meeting to change the Highway Committee from elected to appointed. Motion carried 6-1. Miller opposed. The Committee discussed if the UW-Extension Education Committee members should be appointed or elected. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Marsik to bring a Resolution to the March County Board meeting to change the UW-Extension Education Committee from elected to appointed. Motion carried 6-1. Miller opposed. Ms. Nass will make changes to the draft County Board Rules, and the changes will be brought to the March 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Mielke clarified the intent for the March 2018 Executive Committee meeting is to include the following three (3) Resolutions: Highway Committee (appointed or elected members); UW-Extension Education Committee (appointed or elected members); and adoption of the County Board Rules as presented. Ms. Nass commented that the Rules will be adopted as they stand at the April 17, 2018 County Board meeting, not as a Resolution.

Mr. Kottke reported that himself and Ms. Nass attended the Wisconsin Counties Association County Board Organizational meeting and orientation for newly elected County Board Supervisors that was held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, on January 22, 2018. Mr. Kottke further reported that the April 17, 2018 County Board meeting will include a quorum discussion to be presented by Ms. Nass.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by the order of the Chairman

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 5, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.**

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Jeff Berres, Secretary

**Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.**

RESOLUTION 2 -20/18  
**RESOLUTION TO URGE CREATION OF A NONPARTISAN PROCEDURE  
FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL  
REDISTRICTING PLANS**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Administrative and Finance Committee

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** To urge creation of a nonpartisan procedure for preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

**FISCAL NOTE:** None.

**WHEREAS:** Currently under the State constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the decennial federal census by the majority party; and at the same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; and

**WHEREAS:** Legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census; and

**WHEREAS:** Historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians ahead of the electoral prerogative of the people; and

**WHEREAS:** The 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting those maps cost taxpayers nearly \$1.9 Million; and

**WHEREAS:** A panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting that was done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS:** Redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats; and

**WHEREAS:** The process would promote more accountability and transparency and would prohibit the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and the incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U. S. Constitution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adams County Board of Supervisors** urges the creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Adams County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the State legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Clerk.

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**RESOLUTION 2 -2018**  
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**FOR THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL**  
**REDISTRICTING PLANS**

47 Recommended for adoption by the Administrative and Finance Committee this  
48 5 day of January, 2018.

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57 Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this  
58 Tabled \_\_\_\_\_ 16 day of January, 2018.

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61 County Board Chair

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County Clerk

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63 ☒ Reviewed by Corporation Counsel  
64 ☒ Reviewed by County Manager/Administrative Coordinator

State of Wisconsin  
County of Adams  
This document is a full, true and correct copy  
of the original on file and of record in my  
office and has been compared by me  
Attest January 18 2018  
[Signature] Deputy  
County Clerk

# Proposed Resolutions for the March 2018 Dodge County Board

2/26/2018

Saved - S Drive - County Board - 2018 March Resolutions as of 2/26/18

	Resolution Description	Date of Committee meeting	Committee (S)	Fiscal Note *
1	Johnson commendation	02/05/18	County Board N/A	No
2	Stousland commendation	02/05/18	County Board N/A	No
3	Combining Payrolls	3/13/2018	Finance and IT and HR	
4	Youth Sanction Options	3/2/2018	JPP and Human Services	
5	Appointing UW Extension Education Committee	3/5/2018	Executive	No
6	County Board Chair pay	3/5/2018	Executive	Yes
7	Appointing Highway Committee	3/5/2018	Executive	No
8	Adopting Board Rules	3/5/2018	Executive	No
9	Amend Land Use Code - T. Portland	2/22/2018	Supervisor Berres	No
10	Sheriff/Clerk of Court Salary		Human Resources and Labor Negotiations	No
	Report on Annual Cty Board Compensation. No vote. Placed on file	2/22/2018	Audit	No
	*The Resolutions with a Fiscal Note must go to the Finance Committee which meets on 3/13/18			

# Federal judge in opioid case, fast-tracking distribution changes

By Charlie Ban  
senior staff writer

Hundreds of county and state lawsuits aimed at collecting damages from opioid painkiller manufacturers and distributors have landed in the Cleveland, Ohio courtroom of U.S. District Judge Daniel Polster. In De-

cember 2017, the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation consolidated more than 200 cases scattered in courts across the country and sent them to U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division and Judge Polster.

Polster, who was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1998,

intends to change the way pills are prescribed and distributed before addressing the financial considerations of the cases.

"My objective is to do something meaningful to abate this crisis and to do it in 2018," he said during a Jan. 9 hearing. "What I'm interested in doing is not just moving money around,

because this is an ongoing crisis. What we've got to do is dramatically reduce the number of the pills that are out there and make sure that the pills that are out there are being used properly. Because we all know that a whole lot of them have gone walking and with devastating results."

Counties, cities and states' lawsuits claim that deceptive marketing practices and false claims about the drugs' addictive nature have fueled an epidemic that has pushed many patients to heroin as a low-cost substitute. For counties, that prescription drug and heroin abuse has meant an explosion in costs to social services agencies and their justice systems. And a mounting death toll.

Defendants include Purdue Pharma, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Johnson and Johnson, Endo Health Solutions, Allergan, Cardinal Health and McKesson Corporation among others.

Most recently, Polster gathered roughly 300 attorneys in Cleveland (Cuyahoga County, Ohio) Jan. 31 for a settlement conference, leaving them with directions to choose six attorneys for each side's settlement team by Feb. 6. The co-leads for each side will meet again March 6. Officials from the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Food and Drug Administration were also on hand Jan. 31 to describe steps their agencies have taken to restrict pill supply.

"(Polster) made it perfectly clear ... that he is determined to use his powers to bring about a settlement and not to try and litigate this case, which could take years," said Steve Acquario, executive director of the New York State Association of Counties. "He was very forceful. He believes it's in nobody's best interest to litigate this over a multi-year period. People are dying every minute of every day."

Several conference attendees reported that Polster is prioritizing possible injunctive action that could affect immediate change to how opioids are distributed or prescribed.

In a Feb. 2 scheduling order, Polster called the Jan. 31 conference "productive" and the discussions "meaningful." State governments have filed separate suits, and Polster has requested the voluntary formation of a committee of attorneys general, who are not subject to the court's jurisdiction.

Although several states have also sued, counties are taking action after damages from the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement failed to reach the local level. The tobacco settlement will pay at least \$206 billion until 2023 to 46 states, with payments continuing in perpetuity.

Joseph Rice, one of the co-leads for the counties, said there was a major difference between the tobacco suit and opioids.

"Tobacco products took years to kill users," he said. "Now, someone could overdose and die very quickly if they took too many pills."

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy liked the pace the settlement talks were taking, but worried that the rush to settle would leave details liable to be forgotten along the way.

"There's less of a rush for the money than there is changing protocols and getting some meaningful change in place," he said. "I hope we don't miss crossing some 't's and dotting some 'i's because we hurried too much. We want to make sure people are held accountable."

Acquario said New York counties' suits in New York State Supreme Court could shine a light on how settlement talks would proceed. The state suit is in the discovery phase, and the information produced could have a "massive impact nationally."

"Nobody has that data yet, the marketing and the distribution data," Acquario said. "Analysis of that can produce trends and provide a roadmap for parallel court action."

Paul Hanly, along with Rice and Paul Farrell, will serve as co-lead counsels for the plaintiffs, who are represented by nearly 100 other firms. Rice represents

## Counties should file lawsuits

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McCoy's Albany County, along with the state of South Carolina, and Farrell represents a number of West Virginia counties and cities. Hanly previously litigated more than 1,400 opioid cases brought by 5,000 individuals against pharmaceutical companies in 2004, when the epidemic was in its infancy.

Whether a county has filed may make a difference as negotiations progress toward a settlement.

"It absolutely matters," said Krista Balsch, an attorney for Crueger Dickinson, which represents 61 Wisconsin counties, 45 Iowa counties and one county each from Indiana, Minnesota and North Carolina.

"To have an advocate for your county in that resolution room, you'll have to file a lawsuit. That protects a county's interest."

Balsch said the defendants could create a settlement class for counties that haven't sued, limiting how much they would receive, relative to counties that have sued.

Rice, who is representing Albany County, said counties' ability to sue could depend on how detailed their records are.

"Some counties don't have

computerized records going back 15 years, so that could be a big factor in whether or not they can prove the impact these pills have had," he said.

As for damages, Rice said it was too early to predict amounts, and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine (R) told *The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer* that any payout by drug companies would be held up by appeals.

Although the Big Tobacco settlement looms as an obvious comparison, Rice said nuances of the opioid case make it harder for modern litigants to prove.

Tobacco companies' vertical integration created a direct line from manufacturer to consumer.

"Tobacco companies designed, manufactured, packaged, marketed and sold, and delivered the cigarettes. Here you don't have that," he said. "Here you have multiple manufacturers, and you have multiple distributors. You have your pharmacies and your generics."

"We're going to have to show that company number one's conduct and maybe have to show company number one's pills were used by injured party number one and match it up. That's going to be tough to do in some cases." **DN**

*Agenda  
Item 10 C*

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

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IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION : MDL No. 2804  
OPIATE LITIGATION :  
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Case No. 1:17-CV-2804  
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Cleveland, Ohio  
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APPLIES TO ALL CASES : Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
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9:12 a.m.  
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAN A. POLSTER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

AND

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID A. RUIZ  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 MORNING SESSION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

2 (Proceedings commenced at 9:11 a.m.)

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4 THE COURT: Everyone can be seated. Except I  
09:11:40 5 apologize. We brought in extra chairs, but I guess they ran  
6 out of extra chairs.

7 All right. Well, good morning, Everyone.

8 This is the first meeting of counsel in the opioid  
9 MDL. Judge Ruiz and I are here, and, again, I apologize.  
09:12:12 10 The courtroom isn't big enough. I've reserved the 16th  
11 floor, those two courtrooms, for some private conferences  
12 with counsel that we will probably go into.

13 I appreciate all of the submissions that I've  
14 received. Some have been exchanged. Some were ex parte, as  
09:12:38 15 I permitted. I've given a lot of thought to what to do.  
16 All of the submissions focused on how a judge should manage  
17 this MDL and the 200 or more cases in sort of a traditional  
18 manner. I appreciate that.

19 I've handled and managed two other MDLs, and I'm  
09:13:13 20 familiar with many of the others that my colleagues have  
21 handled around the country. But this is not a traditional  
22 MDL. It generally focuses on something unfortunate that's  
23 happened in the past, and figuring out how it happened, why  
24 it happened, who might be responsible, and what to do about  
09:13:40 25 it.

1           What's happening in our country with the opioid crisis  
2           is present and ongoing. I did a little math. Since we're  
3           losing more than 50,000 of our citizens every year, about  
4           150 Americans are going to die today, just today, while  
09:14:08 5           we're meeting.

6           And in my humble opinion, everyone shares some of the  
7           responsibility, and no one has done enough to abate it.  
8           That includes the manufacturers, the distributors, the  
9           pharmacies, the doctors, the federal government and state  
09:14:33 10          government, local governments, hospitals, third-party  
11          payors, and individuals. Just about everyone we've got on  
12          both sides of the equation in this case.

13          The federal court is probably the least likely branch  
14          of government to try and tackle this, but candidly, the  
09:14:58 15          other branches of government, federal and state, have  
16          punted. So it's here.

17          So I don't think anyone in the country is interested  
18          in a whole lot of finger-pointing at this point, and I'm not  
19          either. People aren't interested in depositions, and  
09:15:21 20          discovery, and trials. People aren't interested in figuring  
21          out the answer to interesting legal questions like  
22          preemption and learned intermediary, or unravelling  
23          complicated conspiracy theories.

24          So my objective is to do something meaningful to abate  
09:15:51 25          this crisis and to do it in 2018. And we have here -- we've

1 got all the lawyers. I can get the parties, and I can  
2 involve the states. So we'll have everyone who is in a  
3 position to do it. And with all of these smart people here  
4 and their clients, I'm confident we can do something to  
09:16:17 5 dramatically reduce the number of opioids that are being  
6 disseminated, manufactured, and distributed. Just  
7 dramatically reduce the quantity, and make sure that the  
8 pills that are manufactured and distributed go to the right  
9 people and no one else, and that there be an effective  
09:16:40 10 system in place to monitor the delivery and distribution,  
11 and if there's a problem, to immediately address it and to  
12 make sure that those pills are prescribed only when there's  
13 an appropriate diagnosis, and that we get some amount of  
14 money to the government agencies for treatment. Because  
09:17:10 15 sadly, every day more and more people are being addicted,  
16 and they need treatment.

17 So that's what I am interested in doing. I mean, I'm  
18 really -- you know, if I've got to do it in a traditional  
19 way, and -- I guess I'll have no choice. I'll admit failure  
09:17:32 20 and I'll say, All right. We've just got to plow through  
21 this, and, you know, if we can't accomplish something like  
22 what I've talked about then, you know, I'll talk to  
23 everyone. But my present intention is to turn everyone  
24 loose. I'll turn the plaintiffs loose on the defendants;  
09:17:56 25 I'll turn the defendants lose on the plaintiffs. You'll,

1 you know, tear each other up way down in 2017 [sic] for  
2 discovery. You can go after the federal government, full  
3 discovery there, too. You know, FDA, DEA, have at it, and  
4 in 2019, I'll try the Ohio case myself and see what happens,  
09:18:21 5 after dealing with whatever motions, and I'm sure some of  
6 the claims and theories are going to be knocked out and some  
7 will survive. And I'll try the case that I have  
8 jurisdiction over, which is the Northern District of Ohio  
9 group. What that will accomplish, I don't know. But I'd  
09:18:42 10 rather not do that.

11 So that's really what I want to talk to everyone  
12 today, and if we can get some agreement on both sides that  
13 that's what we ought to do and that's how we should spend --  
14 I mean, look around this room; an incredible amount of  
09:18:59 15 talent. I doubt if any judge has ever assembled this kind  
16 of talent ever. And I'm talking about you, certainly not --  
17 and Judge Ruiz, not me. Okay?

18 But that's what -- I think we have an opportunity to  
19 do it, and it would be an abject abdication of our  
09:19:19 20 responsibility not to try it. And if we can't, then we've  
21 got to do the other way. And if we can get some general  
22 agreement that we should try it, then we'll figure out  
23 today, how do we organize that effort, who is not here that  
24 we need to get involved, and we'll get about doing it and  
09:19:46 25 what help I'll need.

1 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
2

3 **Establish Salary and Compensation for the Dodge County Board Chairman**  
4 **For the Period of Time Commencing on March 20, 2018 and Ending on March 20, 2020**  
5

6 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
7 MEMBERS,  
8

9 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 15-95, adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors  
10 on March 16, 2015, established the salary and compensation for the Dodge County Board  
11 Chairman; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 15-95 established the salary and compensation for the  
14 Dodge County Board Chairman for a period of two years, commencing on March 18, 2016, and  
15 ending on March 18, 2018, as \$12,000 per year, plus meeting payments and mileage for  
16 meetings attended, as set forth in Resolution No. 97-53, which was adopted by the Dodge  
17 County Board of Supervisors on August 19, 1997, and as set forth in Resolution No. 13-33,  
18 which was adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2013; and,  
19

20 **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2018, the Executive Committee reviewed the salary and  
21 compensation of the County Board Chairman as established by Resolution No. 15-95, and  
22 formed the following considered conclusions:  
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- 24 1. During the past two years the County Board Chairman has conducted meetings of  
25 the County Board and attended meetings of County Board Committees, and, in  
26 addition, has worked closely, frequently, and effectively with numerous individuals,  
27 including the County Administrator, in many important areas of administration of  
28 county government, to the benefit of Dodge County, and that such activities are  
29 expected to continue in the future; and,  
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- 31 2. During the period of time commencing on March 20, 2018, and ending on March  
32 20, 2020, the County Board Chairman's salary and compensation should be \$12,000  
33 per year, plus meeting payments and mileage for meetings attended, as set forth in  
34 Resolution No. 97-53, which was adopted by the Dodge County Board of  
35 Supervisors on August 19, 1997, and as set forth in Resolution No. 13-33, which  
36 was adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2013; and,  
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38 **SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that during the period of time  
39 commencing on March 20, 2018, and ending on March 20, 2020, the Dodge County Board  
40 Chairman shall be paid \$12,000 per year, plus meeting payments and mileage for meetings  
41 attended, as set forth in Resolution No. 97-53, which was adopted by the Dodge County Board of  
42 Supervisors on August 19, 1997, and as set forth in Resolution No. 13-33, which was adopted by  
43 the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2013.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2018.

**Dodge County Executive Committee:**

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Russell Kottke

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David Frohling

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Donna Maly

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Dennis R. Schmidt

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Joseph Marsik

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Jeff Berres

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MaryAnn Miller

***FISCAL NOTE:***

*The revenue/expenditure is contained in the 2018 budget:   X   Yes      No      N/A.*

*Budget Impact: \$0.00. Finance Committee review date: March 13, 2018. Chair initials: \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Vote Required:** Majority of members present

**Resolution Summary:** A resolution to establish the salary and compensation for the Dodge County Board Chairman for the period of time commencing on March 20, 2018 and ending on March 20, 2020.

1 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2  
3 **Resolution to Change the Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee**  
4 **From an Elected Committee to an Appointed Committee**

5  
6 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
7 MEMBERS,

8  
9 **WHEREAS**, Section 59.56(3), Wis. Stats., requires the creation of a committee on agriculture and  
10 extension education if the Board establishes a university extension program; and,

11  
12 **WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has established a university extension program  
13 operated by the Dodge County UW-Extension Office, and also has an elected UW-Extension Education  
14 Committee, which by rule is comprised of five (5) members, four of which are elected by the Dodge County Board  
15 of Supervisors at its organizational meeting occurring in even numbered years; and,

16  
17 **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2018, the Dodge County Executive Committee, during an evaluation of the  
18 County Board Rules, considered the advantages and disadvantages of having the County Board Chairperson  
19 appoint the Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee, subject to confirmation of the County Board; and,

20  
21 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee determined that changing from an elected UW-Extension  
22 Education Committee to an appointed Committee would allow the County Board Chairperson to consider the  
23 strengths, interests and experiences of county board supervisors in making committee assignments so that county  
24 committees are comprised of supervisors knowledgeable in the subject matters to be considered by the various  
25 committees;

26  
27 **SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, that the  
28 Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee shall be appointed by the Dodge County Board Chairperson  
29 and confirmed by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, beginning with the 2018-2020 term of the Board; and,

30  
31 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the  
32 Dodge County Corporation Counsel to modify the *Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors of*  
33 *Dodge County, WI*, and county ordinances to reflect same.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2018.

**Dodge County Executive Committee:**

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Joseph Marsik

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Jeff Berres

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MaryAnn Miller

**Vote Required:** Majority of members present

**Resolution Summary:** A resolution to change the Dodge County UW-Extension Committee from an elected Committee to an appointed Committee.

1 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
2

3 **Resolution to Change the Dodge County Highway Committee**  
4 **From an Elected Committee to an Appointed Committee**  
5

6 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
7 MEMBERS,  
8

9 **WHEREAS**, Section 83.015, Wis. Stats., describes the composition, duties, powers and other  
10 requirements of a county highway committee; and,  
11

12 **WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors has established by rule that the Dodge County  
13 Highway Committee is comprised of five (5) members elected by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors at its  
14 organizational meeting occurring in even numbered years; and,  
15

16 **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2018, the Dodge County Executive Committee, during an evaluation of the  
17 County Board Rules, considered the advantages and disadvantages of having the County Board Chairperson  
18 appoint the Dodge County Highway Committee, subject to confirmation of the County Board; and,  
19

20 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee determined that changing from an elected county highway  
21 committee to an appointed county highway committee would allow the County Board Chairperson to consider the  
22 strengths, interests and experiences of county board supervisors in making committee assignments so that county  
23 committees are comprised of supervisors knowledgeable in the subject matters to be considered by the various  
24 committees;  
25

26 **SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, that the  
27 Dodge County Highway Committee shall be appointed by the Dodge County Board Chairperson and confirmed  
28 by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, beginning with the 2018-2020 term of the Board; and,  
29

30 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the  
31 Dodge County Corporation Counsel to modify the *Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors of*  
32 *Dodge County, WI*, and county ordinances to reflect same.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2018.

**Dodge County Executive Committee:**

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Jeff Berres

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MaryAnn Miller

**Vote Required:** Majority of members present

**Resolution Summary:** A resolution to change the Dodge County Highway Committee from an elected Committee to an appointed Committee.

1 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
2

3 **Resolution to Amend the Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors**  
4 **and to Modify the Dodge County Code of Ordinances**  
5

6 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
7 MEMBERS,  
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has reviewed and evaluated the *Rules of Order*  
10 *Governing The County Board of Supervisor of Dodge County*, soliciting feedback and modifications to  
11 the Rules and Committee descriptions; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has identified a number of changes and proposes  
14 amendments to the *Rules of Order Governing The County Board of Supervisor of Dodge County*, as  
15 reflected on the attached Exhibit "A", with additions highlighted by bold underline and deletions  
16 indicated by single strikethroughs; and,  
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18 **SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors  
19 that, effective immediately, the *Rules of Order Governing The County Board of Supervisors of Dodge*  
20 *County*, shall be amended as reflected on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by  
21 reference; and,  
22

23 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, that the Dodge  
24 County Corporation Counsel is directed to modify the *Dodge County Code of Ordinances* to be  
25 consistent with the rule changes reflected in Exhibit "A", and to make such modifications in the 2018  
26 codification process.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2018.

**Dodge County Executive Committee:**

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Russell Kottke

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David Frohling

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Donna Maly

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Dennis R. Schmidt

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Joseph Marsik

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Jeff Berres

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MaryAnn Miller

**Vote Required:** Majority of members present

**Resolution Summary:** A resolution to amend the Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors and modify the Dodge County Code of Ordinances.

**RULES OF ORDER GOVERNING THE  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
DODGE COUNTY, WI**

1. The Chairman of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and is authorized to resolve disputes between standing committees. In the absence of the Chairman, the First Vice Chairman shall preside, and in the absence of the Chairman and the First Vice Chairman, the Second Vice Chairman shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman, the First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman, the County Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Board shall elect a member of the body to occupy the chair and preside over the meeting. The Chairman shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, commissions, and boards. The Chairman's role as an ex-officio member shall be limited to attending only those meetings necessary to form a quorum. When serving in this capacity, the Chairman shall have all rights as any regular member of the committee, commission, or board. Members of the Executive Committee of the Board are authorized to attend the Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Counties Association at County expense. Attendance at such convention by other County Supervisors shall be at County expense only if the Executive Committee determines that such attendance shall be to the benefit of Dodge County. Attendance at any seminar sponsored by the WCA shall be at county expense only if the Executive Committee or the County Board Chairman determines that such attendance shall be to the benefit of Dodge County. Dodge County will not pay any amount for out of state travel expenses for anyone unless approved by the Executive Committee.

2. A majority of the supervisors entitled to a seat on the Board shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the supervisors present unless otherwise provided by a statute or a rule of parliamentary procedure as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order or a Rule of Order Governing The County Board of Supervisors Of Dodge County, WI.

3. A Board member may, with prior permission of the Board Chairman, take part in a County Board meeting by telephone or other electronic means. However, a Board member who takes part in a County Board meeting by telephone or other electronic means will not be considered to be present at the County Board meeting, will not be allowed to vote, will not be paid a per diem, and will not be paid reimbursement for mileage. However, the Board member will be allowed to participate in discussion that will take place at the meeting.

4. Whenever a meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors is to be held in a certain month, it shall be held on the third Tuesday of said month at 7:00 P.M., unless the County Board shall designate another date for the meeting, and, except if necessary to avoid a conflict with the primary election, the February Meeting shall be held on a date to be determined by the County Board Chairman at 7:00 P.M., and the Organizational Session shall be held on the third Tuesday in April, at 9:00 A.M., and the Annual Budget Meeting shall be held on the Tuesday after the second Monday of November at 9:00 A.M. When the day of the Annual Budget meeting falls on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Budget Meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day. The order of business to be followed at the meetings of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors shall be as follows: (1) Call to Order by the Chair. (2) Roll Call by the County Clerk. (3) Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting. (4) Communications on file with the Board. (5) ~~Old Business~~ Unfinished business. (6) Resolutions. (7) Bills on file to be acted upon. (8) Reports on file. (9) Ordinances. (10) Petitions. (11) Claims. ~~(12)~~ Recess or Adjournment.

5. Except in emergency situations, at least seven (7) days prior to each County Board Meeting, the Chairman or Vice Chairman of each committee of the County Board shall file with the County Clerk all Resolutions and Ordinances to be brought before the County Board by the respective committee. This rule shall also apply to any other business the committee, or any individual supervisor, wishes to bring before the Board at any meeting.

6. The County Clerk shall compile an agenda for each meeting of the County Board of Supervisors. Whenever possible the County Clerk shall mail or ~~cause to be delivered~~ deliver to each Board Member, a copy of such agenda. This agenda, and a copy of each Resolution, Ordinance, and any other pertinent material, shall be mailed or delivered whenever possible by the Clerk to each Board Member by the Friday prior to the Board Meeting. The County Clerk may, by not later than 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, add items to an original meeting agenda or to an amended meeting agenda, and shall comply with all notice provisions of the Open Meeting Law of the State of Wisconsin. If the County Clerk, on the day that the agenda for a particular County Board Session is to be mailed, determines that there is insufficient business to warrant holding such session, he/she will immediately confer with the County Board Chairman. If it is agreed that the session should not be held, the Clerk will immediately notify each Board Member of such decision.

7. Only such business as appears on the agenda or on an amended agenda shall be considered by the Board at that meeting and all other business shall be out of order.

8. All meetings of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, and all meetings of any committee of the Board, shall be held in accordance with the Open Meeting Law of the State of Wisconsin.

9. All memorials, resolutions and ordinances that are to be considered and acted upon by the Board at any meeting shall be presented and signed by a member of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

10. When the Voting System machine is operational, any member who wishes to address the Board shall first push the Request to Speak button located on the member's voting device, and obtain the recognition of the Chairman. When the Voting System machine is not operational, any member who wishes to address the Board shall first rise from the member's seat and obtain the recognition of the Chairman. When two or more members rise at the same time, the member that the Chairman recognizes shall have the floor. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by a call for the orders of the day.

11. Persons other than members of the Board wishing to address the body may do so with the unanimous consent of the Board. If any member objects, such non-member may be granted the privilege of addressing the body upon the passage of a motion, properly made and seconded and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members present.

12. All votes by the Board on any matter calling for appropriation of money from the county treasury shall be recorded in such a manner that the vote of each member of the Board can be ascertained. On all other questions that come before the Board, any member of the Board can require that the individual vote of each member be recorded. Action by a member to correct the member's vote cast in error, may only be taken prior to the next vote being taken.

13. A motion or resolution for the reconsideration of an action by the Board shall be out of order unless such motion or resolution is made or presented by a member who voted with the prevailing side of the question in the first determination, and such motion or resolution of reconsideration must be made or presented at the same or the next **properly noticed** succeeding session **meeting** of the Board.

14. Any matter on the agenda of a meeting may be laid over for examination or referred to a particular committee by the Chair without a motion from the floor.

15. If a motion before the body (or an amendment to it) contains two or more parts capable of standing as separate questions, any member may move for a division of the question in order that the body can consider each question separately.

16. No standing rule, order or resolution of the Board shall be rescinded or changed without giving one day's notice thereof to all members of the Board, however, any standing rule may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any legally called meeting of the Board.

17. The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Board.

18. In any case where the vote of the Board is equally divided, the question shall be lost.

19. Annual Reports of county officers, elected or appointed, shall be presented to the County Board at the February or March meeting of the Board following the calendar year for which the report is made.

20. The County Clerk, or the Chairman of a Committee of the County Board, that meets to transact business of the County, shall present a bill, certified as correct, to the County Clerk for the payment of the authorized compensation and mileage of the members attending such meetings, and the County Clerk shall draw orders on the County Treasurer for the payment of such authorized compensation and mileage, and such orders shall be paid by the Treasurer upon approval of such orders by the Audit Committee.

21. Upon the completion of the County canvass of the results of an election, the County Clerk shall draw orders on the County Treasurer for the payments of the authorized compensation and the mileage of those persons participating in the canvass.

22. The Chairman of any meeting of the Board of Supervisors may require that any motion offered by any member for consideration by the body be reduced to writing and, thus, presented to the Chair.

23. When a main motion is before the Board, no other motions shall be in order except a motion to adjourn, a motion to lay on the table, a motion for the previous question, a motion to postpone to a certain time, a motion for division of a question, a motion to correct the main motion, a motion to refer to a standing committee, a motion to refer to a special committee, or a motion to amend the main motion. These motions shall have precedence in the order arranged and the first three of the above-listed motions are not debatable. A motion to postpone to a certain time must be made to a specific date or to the next regular meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

24. **Except as otherwise permitted by the Chairman,** ~~No~~ member shall be permitted to speak more than twice or for more than five minutes at any one time on the same question; ~~unless permission of the Board is obtained by means of a motion duly made, seconded and passed by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members present.~~

25. All memorials, resolutions, reports, petitions or ordinances, other than those presented by the Finance Committee, which provide for appropriation of money from the county treasury, shall be referred to the Finance Committee for its examination and assessment of fiscal impact.

26. When committees are organized, a member should be elected as Secretary to be responsible for the minutes of the proceedings of each committee. Such minutes shall show the names of the members present or absent, according to the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Minutes may be kept by a designated individual, but must be signed by the Secretary or other committee member. Minutes shall also include the place of the committee meeting and the starting and ending times of the meeting.

27. A member of a committee of the County Board may, with prior permission of the Chairman of the committee of the County Board, take part in a committee meeting by telephone or other electronic means. However, a committee member ~~who takes part~~ who participates in a committee meeting by telephone or other electronic means will not be considered to be present at the committee meeting, ~~will not be allowed to speak~~, will not be allowed to vote, will not be paid a per diem, and will not be paid reimbursement for mileage.

28. All members of a committee shall be notified personally, by telephone or ~~in writing~~ electronically, as to the date, time and location for all meetings of a committee of which they are a member. A majority of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum and a quorum of committee members is required to be present before County Business can be transacted.

29. All members present at a properly called committee meeting shall be entitled to their authorized compensation and actual mileage regardless of whether or not a quorum is present at the meeting. No member shall be eligible for compensation (per diem) in excess of two committee meetings per day.

30. All Department purchases of equipment and supplies shall be made according to the following:

A. All budgeted requests for a single purchase or lease of equipment or supplies, \$10,000 and up to \$50,000 shall first be presented to the Committee advising the department.

B. Any planned purchase or lease of equipment greater than \$50,000 must be identified on the adopted Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

C. If a Department Head deems that an emergency purchase, rental, or contract for service is necessary, they are authorized to do so and report such to County Administrator, Finance Director and Committee Chair as soon as possible.

D. All requests for a single purchase or lease of equipment or supplies greater than \$50,000 shall be presented to the Committee advising the department for recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors.

E. The Dodge County Clerk shall include in the meeting packet for each regular meeting of the Executive Finance Committee and for each regular meeting of the County Board, the monthly report entitled *Dodge County Paid Vouchers \$10,000 Or More*.

31. Any monies received by an officer or department of the County shall be paid into the county treasury and credited to the account of the department or office giving rise to the transaction. Any balance remaining in the account of any department at the end of the year shall be transferred to the General Fund unless such account is designated a continuing appropriation account by resolution of the County Board, the Finance Committee or the Wisconsin Statutes.

32. The standing committees, commissions and boards, and the number of members of each are as follows:

- (1) Finance Committee – 5
- (2) Audit Committee – 5
- (3) Highway Committee – 5
- (4) ~~County~~ Building Committee – 5
- (5) Judicial and Public Protection Committee – 5
- (6) Taxation Committee – 5
- (7) Executive Committee – 7
- (8) UW-Extension Education Committee – 5
- (9) Land and Water Conservation Committee – 7
- (10) Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee – 5
- (11) ~~Planning, Development~~ Land Resources and Parks Committee – 5
- (12) Board of Adjustment – 5 + 2 Alternates
- (13) Health Facilities Committee – 5
- (14) Housing Authority – 5
- (15) Human Services and Health Board – 9
- (16) Veterans Service Commission – 3
- (17) ~~Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System Board~~ – 4
- (17) Monarch Library System Board – 3
- (18) East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium – 2
- (19) Civil Service Commission – 5 + 1 Alternate
- (20) ~~Sheriff's~~ Grievance Committee of the Civil Service Commission – 5
- (21) Information Technology Committee – 5
- ~~(22) Dodge County Aging Advisory – 9~~
- (22) Commission on Aging and Disability Services – 9
- ~~(23) Land Information Committee – 5~~
- ~~(24)~~ (23) Dodge County Library Planning Committee – 5
- ~~(25)~~ (24) Land Information Council – 11
- ~~(26) Glacial Heritage Development Partnership~~
- (26) Nutrition Advisory Council – 10
- (26) External Audit Review Oversight Committee – 5
- (27) Friends of Clearview Board – 11
- (28) Local Emergency Planning Commission – not less than 17
- (29) Inter-County Coordinating Committee – 2
- (30) Waste Facilities Siting Committee – 2
- (31) Crime Prevention Funding Board – 7
- (32) Criminal Justice Collaborating Council – 10
- (33) Courtroom Security and Facilities Committee – 19 – not less than 11

- (34) Revolving Loan Advisory Committee –  
not less than 3  
(35) Workforce Development – 2  
(36) Traffic Safety Commission – not less than 9  
(37) Child Death Review Team – 19  
(38) Central Wisconsin Community Action Council – 1  
(39) Transportation Advisory Committee –  
not more than 15  
(40) Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission – 1  
(41) Glacial Heritage Development Partnership  
1+1 alternate

33. The term of membership on all committees, commissions or boards where the appointment is made by the Board Chairman and confirmed by the County Board shall be for a two (2) year term, except as otherwise provided by resolution, ordinance or Wisconsin Statute. In all cases where the appointment or election to the committee, board or commission is by the County Board, the term of membership shall be for two (2) years, unless provided otherwise by resolution, ordinance, or Wisconsin Statute. ~~Where An individual was appointed to a committee of the County Board by the Board Chairman and confirmed by the County Board, that member may be removed from that committee at a meeting of the County Board, upon the recommendation of the Board Chairman and after a motion for removal has been made and seconded, upon an affirmative vote of not less than two - thirds of the fixed membership of the County Board (notwithstanding whether all members are present at a meeting to vote on such removal) of members-elect.~~

34. ~~As soon as the~~ Upon the filing with the County Clerk, the official bonds of the county officers ~~are filed with the County Clerk, they~~ shall be referred to the Executive Committee for its examination of the same and, the Executive Committee shall report its findings as to the sufficiency and form of the sureties to the County Board pursuant to Section 59.21(4-2), of the Wisconsin Statutes.

35. A session of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors is hereby defined as the period of time beginning on the third Tuesday in April of each year and ending on the third Tuesday of April of the next succeeding year, both inclusive.

36. Soon after the County Board adjourns a session each year, the ~~Executive Committee~~ Board shall have the ~~its~~ proceedings ~~of the Board~~ published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County and shall also have a reasonable number of copies, as determined by the County Clerk, of the proceedings printed in pamphlet form ~~in the English language and have them~~ available by not later than 60 days following said adjournment, pursuant to §59.14(2) and (3), Wis. Stats. ~~The Committee is authorized to contract for such printing on the basis of bids obtained; however, the Committee is authorized to reject any and all bids as it may deem to be in the best interests of the County and to have the publication and printing done without further bids.~~

37. Any requests for newly created positions, or changes to positions as described as follows, which will first become effective in the next succeeding year, will require approval of the County Board in the form of a resolution and will not be considered for inclusion in the Dodge County Budget for the next succeeding year, unless approved at or prior to the August County Board meeting: newly created regular full-time positions; newly created regular part-time benefited positions; part-time positions that are increased to full-time; and, part-time non-benefited positions that are increased to part-time benefited positions.

38. Committees of the County Board shall limit attendance at closed sessions of their meetings to members of the Committee and other individuals necessary to conduct the business of the Committee as determined by the Chairperson of the Committee.

39. Each County Board Supervisor who shall become aware that he or she is unable to attend a scheduled meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors shall notify the County Clerk of his or her inability to attend such a meeting. The Supervisor shall make such notification by either telephone or email, and as soon as possible after the Supervisor has learned of such inability.

40. Each County Board Supervisor, who is a member of a Committee of the County Board or other board or body of the County, and who shall become aware of an inability to attend a scheduled meeting of such Committee, board, or body, shall notify the Chair of such Committee, board, or body. The Supervisor shall make such notification by either telephone or email and as soon as possible after the Supervisor has learned of such inability.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members, and the Chairman of the County Board *ex-officio*. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. ~~It~~ **The Committee** is authorized, empowered and directed to exercise the power of the County Board in examining, auditing, settling, allowing or disallowing current accounts or claims against the County when the amount involved does not exceed \$10,000.00 and when so settled and approved and allowed, to authorize the issuance of County orders. **The Committee shall examine purchase card use and documentation related thereto.**

### **Board of Adjustment**

The Board of Adjustment shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and confirmed by the County Board for terms of three (3) years, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The members shall reside in Dodge County, outside of the incorporated limits of cities or villages, provided, however, that no two members shall reside in the same township. The powers and duties of the Board of Adjustment are as enumerated in Wis. Stat. §59.694, and the Land Use Code of Dodge County, as amended. The two alternate members shall be appointed for staggered three- year terms and the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors shall annually designate one of the alternate members as the first alternate and the other as second alternate. The first alternate shall act, with full power, only when a member of the Board of Adjustment refuses to vote because of a conflict of interest or when a member is absent. The second alternate shall act only when the first alternate refuses to vote because of a conflict of interest or is absent, or if more than one member of the Board of Adjustment refuses to vote because of a conflict of interest or is absent.

### **Building Committee**

The Building Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. The Building Committee shall have charge of the repairs, building construction and maintenance of, and the assignment, allocation, and designation of space in, the Dodge County Administration Building, the Dodge County Office Building, the Henry Dodge Office Building, the Dodge County Law Enforcement Center, the Dodge County Legal Services Building, the Dodge County Justice Facility, and the Dodge County Building at the Dodge County Fairgrounds, and such other county buildings and grounds, not specifically in charge of other officials. The Building Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body for the Physical Facilities Maintenance Department.

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the two (2) Vice Chairmen, the immediate Past Chairman of the Board (if approved by the incoming County Board Chairman), and three (3) Board members to be elected at large for a term of two (2) years. If the immediate Past Chairman of the Board is not a member of the Board at the time of the Organizational Meeting of the Board or has been re-elected as the Chair at the Organizational Meeting of the Board, the Board shall elect four (4) members at large.

The Committee shall:

1. Act as an advisory and policy-making body for the Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Office of Emergency Management;
2. Exercise oversight and supervision of the Dodge County Administrator, subject to review and oversight and supervision by the County Board;
3. Examine and approve the County Officer's bonds as per Wis. Stat. §59.21(2);
4. Study State Legislation pertaining to Dodge County and report its effects to the County Board periodically;

- ~~5. Appoint a county purchasing agent who shall purchase all necessary supplies and equipment involving purchases of \$3,000.00 or less;~~
5. Compile an inventory of all properties belonging to Dodge County and file such inventories with the County Clerk;
6. Investigate and analyze the insurance needs of the County and to obtain insurance to cover those needs, and to provide for the payment of the premiums of such policies;
7. Except for Worker's Compensation, determine what risk the County is exposed to that can best be managed by self-insurance and in cooperation with the County Finance Director establish and manage a self-insurance fund to cover such risks;
- ~~9. Obtain bids and award the contracts on all County printing, except for elections; and,~~
8. Review claims for damages against the County and make recommendations to the County Board regarding them.

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. It shall draft or have submitted to it all resolutions for expenditures of money and make recommendations thereon to the Board, and ~~authorize~~ **review** the transfer of funds within departments. The County Board delegates to the Finance Committee the authority to approve or deny tax-exempt leases of equipment proposed by all committees of the County Board. The County Board delegates to the Finance Committee pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0603, the authority to temporarily invest such unused County funds and to arrange for the safekeeping of securities, their sale, reinvestment or redemption as it may deem proper. This Committee shall not have the power to appropriate any money from the General Fund. It shall recommend to the County Board methods of financing county projects and indebtedness.

The Finance Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body for the offices of the County Finance Director, the Finance Department, the Central Services Department and the Veterans Service Office. The Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body, to the extent permitted by law, for the Offices of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer.

#### Health Facilities Committee

The Health Facilities Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. The Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body for Clearview.

#### Highway Committee

The Highway Committee shall consist of five (5) County Board members elected at an Organizational Meeting to serve for two years beginning as soon as elected and until their successors are elected. Any vacancy in the Highway Committee shall be filled by election by the County Board.

The powers and duties of the Highway Committee are as follows:

(1) The Highway Committee shall be only a policy-making body determining the broad outlines and principles governing administration of the Dodge County Highway Department.

(2) Powers and duties which are not specifically given by statute to either the Highway Commissioner or the County Administrator are retained by the Highway Committee.

#### DODGE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

The Dodge County Highway Commissioner shall have the administrative powers and duties prescribed for the county highway committee as provided by Section 83.015(2)(b), Wis. Stats. of the Wisconsin Statutes (2007-08).

#### Human Resources and Labor Negotiations

The Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board.

The Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee shall conduct all labor negotiations with all organized groups and shall propose to the County Board the salaries and personnel policies for all other employees of Dodge County. The Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee shall also administer the terms of the union contracts and personnel policies for all employees of Dodge County. All changes in personnel and salaries shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the committee for auditing purposes and all union contracts and personnel policies proposed by this committee shall be approved by the County Board before becoming effective.

The Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee shall be responsible for analyzing the health, dental and life insurance needs of employees and officers of Dodge County, and for providing such necessary coverage as may be agreed upon.

The Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee shall be responsible for administration and oversight of Worker's Compensation for Dodge County.

All starting salaries for new full-time or part-time non-union and union employees, probationary increases, promotional increases, and other salary adjustments, other than general increases approved yearly by the County Board shall be referred to the Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee for final approval and processing before the Finance Department shall allow any new salaries or adjustments to be paid, the only exception being Section 9.1(a) of the Personnel Policies for Dodge County Employees dealing with part-time Sheriff's Deputies.

The Human Resources and Labor Negotiations Committee shall be an advisory and policy-making body for the Human Resources Department.

#### Human Services and Health Board

The Dodge County Human Services and Health Board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Of the nine, six (6) shall be County Board Supervisors and three (3) shall be citizens-at-large. At least one member appointed to the Human Services and Health Board shall be an individual who receives or has received human services or shall be a family member of such an individual. Terms of service on the Board shall be for three (3) years with appointments to be staggered to allow for continuity on the committee. Citizen representatives shall be individuals interested in the various service disciplines within the Department of Human Services (Aging Programming, Social Services, Mental Health Services and Public Health) and every effort shall be made to include at least one Registered Nurse and one Medical Doctor.

The Human Services and Health Board shall act as an advisory and a policy-making body for the Human Services and Health Department. The Human Services and Health Board shall have the powers and duties enumerated in Wis. Stat. §46.23(5) as amended. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §251.03(1), the Human Services and Health Board shall also act as the county board of health and shall have the powers and duties enumerated in Wis. Stat. §251.04, as amended. Committees representing the client/patient groups served within the Department shall act in an advisory capacity to the Human Services and Health Board and keep the Board informed about the special needs of Dodge County residents.

#### Information Technology Committee

The Information Technology Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members, ~~of which, not less than three (3) shall be members of the Board.~~ The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board.

The committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body to the Information Technology Department, and oversee and coordinate all information technology functions of Dodge County, including equipment purchases for all departments of County government, ~~and manage Dodge County's participation in the Intercounty Coordinating Committee Data Processing Commission.~~

### Judicial and Public Protection Committee

The Judicial and Public Protection Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. The Judicial and Public Protection Committee shall confer with, and assist the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and the Medical Examiner so as to enable them to more effectively and efficiently perform their duties.

The Judicial and Public Protection Committee shall be the liaison between the Dodge County Board of Supervisors and the following offices: the District Attorney; the Sheriff's Office; the Judicial Branches; the Clerk of Courts; the Register in Probate; the Family Court Office; and the Family Court Counseling Services Office. The Committee shall bring before the Board of Supervisors those matters which are necessary for the efficient administration of the aforementioned offices. The Judicial and Public Protection Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body for the Child Support Office and the Medical Examiner's Office, and shall serve as the Grievance Committee for the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

### Land and Water Conservation Committee

The Land and Water Conservation Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members. The seven (7) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board, and shall serve for a two-year term. Not more than two (2) individuals who are not members of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors may be members of the Land and Water Conservation Committee. Two (2) members of the Land and Water Conservation Committee shall be individuals who are members of the UW-Extension Education Committee. The Chairman of the Dodge County Farm Service Agency Committee shall also be a member of the Land and Water Conservation Committee. The Land and Water Conservation Committee shall have those powers and duties as are specified for that committee under Wis. Stat. Chapter 92. The Land and Water Conservation Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body to the Land and Water Conservation Department.

### Land Information Committee

~~The Land Information Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. In appointing members to this Committee, the County Board Chairman shall seek to represent the interests of the five departments using land records, namely the County Treasurer, Land Resources and Parks, Land and Water Conservation, Highway, and Sheriff. The Committee shall be responsible for land records modernization to promote and facilitate timely access to information, decisions based upon accurate information, and efficiency in government with the goal of establishment of an integrated, technologically sound, countywide land information system. The Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body for the Land Information Division of the Land Resources and Parks Department. The Committee shall also act as an advisory and policy-making body, to the extent permitted by law, for the Office of the Register of Deeds.~~

### Planning, Development Land Resources and Parks Committee

The ~~Planning, Development~~ Land Resources and Parks Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. The Committee shall be designated as the County Zoning Agency authorized to act in all matters pertaining to County planning and zoning under Wis. Stat. §59.69(2)(a). In addition, the Committee shall be responsible for subdividing, sanitation and economic development. The Committee shall be an advisory and policy-making body for the following Land Resources and Parks Department divisions: Code Administration, Parks and Trails, Land Information, and Planning and Economic Development. The Committee shall act as an advisory and policy-making body, to the extent permitted by law, to the Office of the County Register of Deeds. The Committee shall oversee, receive reports from and take action on any matters advanced by the Land Information Council.

### Taxation Committee

The Taxation Committee shall be comprised of five (5) Board members. The five (5) members shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board. The committee shall: review the Treasurer's records and authorize the prosecution of in personam actions for delinquent real estate taxes and other charges; review foreclosure of tax liens by action in rem; appraise all parcels of real estate acquired by Judgment of Foreclosure Of Tax Lien in in rem actions pursuant to Wis. Stats. §75.521; authorize the publication of a list of appraised values for the purpose of soliciting bids on parcels of real estate to be sold; open all bids and accept or reject them; and, authorize the Dodge County Clerk to issue Quit Claim Deeds to successful bidders. Pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stats. §75.69, the Board designates the Taxation Committee as the committee that is authorized to: review and approve the sales of parcels of real estate for amounts that are less than the appraised values of the parcels of real estate; accept bids for the sale of parcels of real estate that are less than the highest bids; and, prepare written statements, available for public inspection, that explain the reasons for accepting bids for the sale of parcels of real estate that are less than the highest bids.

### UW-Extension Education

The UW-Extension Education Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members. Of the five (5) members, at least four (4) shall be Board members elected by the Board. The County Board may select as a fifth member of the Committee a public school administrator resident in the county. If the Board does not select a public school administrator resident in the county, the Board shall elect a fifth Board member to serve on the Committee. The Committee shall meet at such intervals as is deemed necessary to properly carry out its functions and responsibilities according to Wis. Stat. §59.56. The UW-Extension Education Committee shall direct and supervise the UW-Extension Department, including the preparation of the annual budget request.

All previous rules of order and legislation governing the Dodge County Board of Supervisors in conflict with the provisions of these rules of order are to the extent of such conflict superseded by these rules of order.



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James Mielke  
Administrator  
Dodge County  
127 E Oak St  
Juneau, WI 53039-1329

Dear Mr. Mielke

The National Guard Bureau (NGB) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the beddown of F-35A aircraft at two of five potential locations. The Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) proposes to beddown F-35A aircraft for the fifth and sixth operations at two of five alternative locations. The F-35A would replace the Air National Guard's F-15, F-16, and A-10 fighter attack aircraft at the selected locations with 18 assigned aircraft and 2 backup aircraft at each of the two selected installations. The five alternative ANG locations for this beddown are:

- 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (115 FW) at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin;
- 124<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (124 FW) at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho;
- 125<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (125 FW) at Jacksonville International Airport, Jacksonville, Florida;
- 127<sup>th</sup> Wing (127 WG) at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Michigan; and,
- 187<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (187 FW) at Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama.

The SECAF has announced that the two preferred alternatives are Truax Field and Dannelly Field, pending results of the EIS.

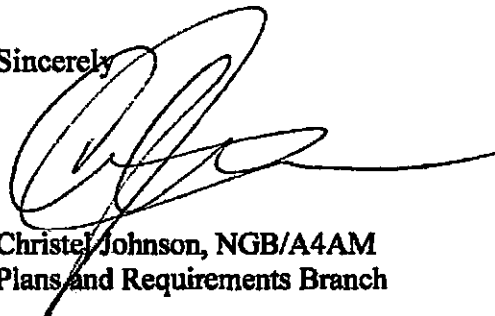
The proposed action also includes construction and/or modification of facilities on the installations that support the beddown. In addition, there would be an Air Force Active Duty Associate Unit based with the selected alternative installations, which would include approximately 50 Active Duty personnel who would conduct 3-year rotations with the ANG unit. F-35A aircraft would conduct training operations within established airspace of each proposed location. This undertaking does not propose new airspace, nor does it seek to reconfigure any of the existing airspace parcels. Those will remain unchanged.

The NGB invites you to attend a public scoping meeting at one of the times and locations listed below. For your convenience, the NGB has set aside two sessions for local, state, and federal agencies. We welcome your attendance during either time. The addresses for the public scoping meetings are:

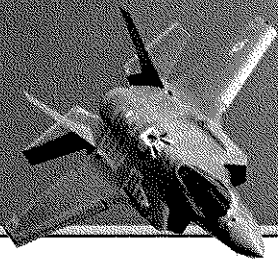
<p><b>Selfridge Air National Guard Base</b>  February 21, 2018  2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.  L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Wheeler  Community Center  24076 Frederick V. Pankow Boulevard  Clinton Township, MI 48036</p>	<p><b>Gowen Field</b>  February 27, 2018  2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.  Wyndham Garden Boise Airport Hotel  Convention Center  3300 South Vista Avenue  Boise, ID 83705</p>
<p><b>Dannelly Field</b>  March 1, 2018  2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.  Montgomery Regional Airport  First Floor Rotunda and Conference Room  4445 Selma Highway  Montgomery, AL 36108</p>	<p><b>Truax Field</b>  March 8, 2018  2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.  Crowne Plaza Madison Hotel  Three Lakes Ballroom  4402 E. Washington Ave.  Madison, WI 53704</p>
<p><b>Jacksonville International Airport</b>  March 13, 2018  2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.  DoubleTree Hotel, Jacksonville Airport  Aviation Ballroom  2101 Dixie Clipper Dr.  Jacksonville, FL 32218</p>	

Please forward your written comments to Ms. Christel Johnson, the F-35A EIS Project Manager at 3501 Fetchet Avenue, Joint Base Andrews MD 20762-5157. You may also submit comments via the project website at [www.ANGF35EIS.com](http://www.ANGF35EIS.com). Submit all comments within 30 days from the date of this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

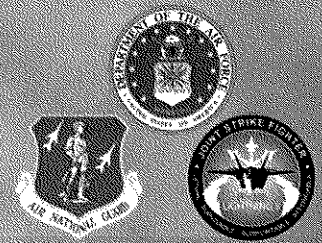
Sincerely



Christel Johnson, NGB/A4AM  
Plans and Requirements Branch



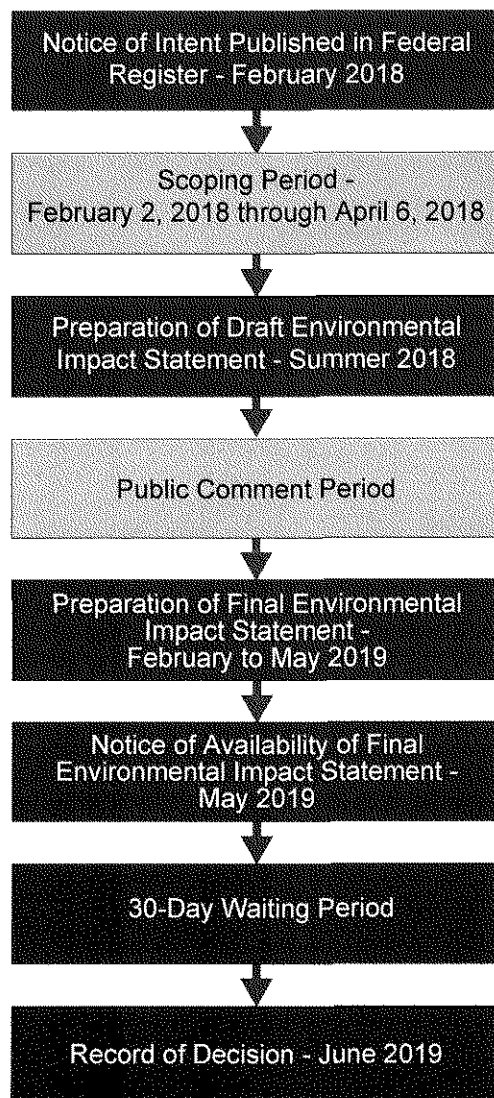
# United States Air Force F-35A Operational Beddown - Air National Guard Environmental Impact Statement



## What's Inside this Newsletter?

- ▶ An overview of the purpose and need of the proposed action
- ▶ An overview of the F-35A Program
- ▶ An overview of the Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) and opportunities for public involvement
- ▶ Date and location of upcoming public scoping meetings and how to submit comments

## The EIS Timeline



Opportunities for Public Involvement

## What is the Proposed Action and Why is it Needed?

The purpose of the proposed action is to efficiently and effectively maintain combat capability and mission readiness as the U.S. Air Force (USAF) faces deployments across a spectrum of conflicts while also providing for homeland defense. Beddown and operation of the F-35A at Air National Guard (ANG) locations would represent a major step toward this goal. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) proposes to beddown two F-35A squadrons consisting of 18 aircraft and 2 backup aircraft each, thereby establishing two F-35A operations at two of five alternative ANG locations. In addition, the NGB would implement necessary construction projects to successfully beddown the aircraft at the selected installations. The five alternative locations are:

- 115 FW at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin;
- 124 FW at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho;
- 125 FW at Jacksonville International Airport, Jacksonville, Florida;
- 127 WG at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan; and,
- 187 FW at Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama.

The Secretary of the Air Force has announced Truax Field, and Dannelly Field as the two preferred alternatives, pending results of the EIS. For More Information: [www.ANGF35EIS.com](http://www.ANGF35EIS.com)

## F-35A Program

The USAF has designated the F-35A to replace aging fighter aircraft. In that regard, these new aircraft would fulfill the wide range of roles and missions currently conducted by legacy fighter aircraft. The USAF variant of the F-35 embodies critical combat capabilities to fulfill multiple mission roles and epitomizes the characteristics needed, offering a unique combination of capabilities.

## The National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is our national charter for making informed decisions based upon potential environmental consequences. NEPA requires all federal agencies to take a good-faith, hard look at potential environmental consequences of a proposal before making a decision. The NGB is preparing a detailed study that analyzes the potential environmental impacts of this proposal.

## **Public Involvement**

Public involvement is an integral part of the Environmental Impact Analysis Process, which requires full disclosure of potential environmental impacts to the public and encourages public involvement. The public has an important role in providing input during this process to help the NGB make more informed decisions about implementing this proposal. The first opportunity for public involvement is the process called "public scoping." The scoping period for this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) began with publication of the "Notice of Intent" in the Federal Register on February 2, 2018, and will formally extend through April 6, 2018.

## **Written Scoping Comments are Welcome!**

Please send written comments by the end of the public comment period, April 6, 2018, to ensure that your concerns are addressed in the Draft EIS. Nevertheless, we will welcome your comments throughout the entire environmental impact analysis process. Written comments may be submitted by:

- a) Attending the scoping meeting and providing written comments at that time
- b) By U.S. Mail to:  
Ms. Christel Johnson, Environmental Engineer  
NGB/A4AM  
Shepperd Hall  
3501 Fetchet Avenue  
Joint Base Andrews MD 20762-5157
- c) Via the project website at [www.ANGF35EIS.com](http://www.ANGF35EIS.com)

*Please note that by including your name and address on correspondence, it will be used to compile a mailing list for distributing future information regarding the EIS. Names will appear in the EIS. Phone numbers, emails, and physical addresses will not be published. By including your name and address, it will become part of the EIS administrative record.*

## **Public Scoping Meetings**

You're invited to attend the public scoping meetings to learn about the proposal, talk with NGB representatives one-on-one, and submit written comments.

### **Selfridge Air National Guard Base**

February 21, 2018 - 5 to 8 p.m.

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools  
Wheeler Community Center  
24076 Frederick V. Pankow Blvd.  
Clinton Township, MI 48036

### **Gowen Field**

February 27, 2018 - 5 to 8 p.m.

Wyndham Garden Boise Airport Hotel  
Convention Center  
3300 South Vista Ave.  
Boise, ID 83705

### **Dannelly Field**

March 1, 2018 - 5 to 8 p.m.

Montgomery Regional Airport  
First Floor Rotunda and Conference Room  
4445 Selma Highway  
Montgomery, AL 36108

### **Truax Field**

March 8, 2018 - 5 to 8 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Madison Hotel  
Three Lakes Ballroom  
4402 E. Washington Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704

### **Jacksonville International Airport**

March 13, 2018 - 5 to 8 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Jacksonville Airport  
Aviation Ballroom  
2101 Dixie Clipper Dr.  
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